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- In FY2007, for the HQ Complex, USDA spent \$4.5 million for electric costs.
- That's \$2 million more than what we spent in our highest energy use year of FY2002.



- The additional \$2 million per year of cost in 2007 was funded directly from the Building Repair and Maintenance funds -- this means less money for carpet, painting, restroom repairs, and other routine building repairs.



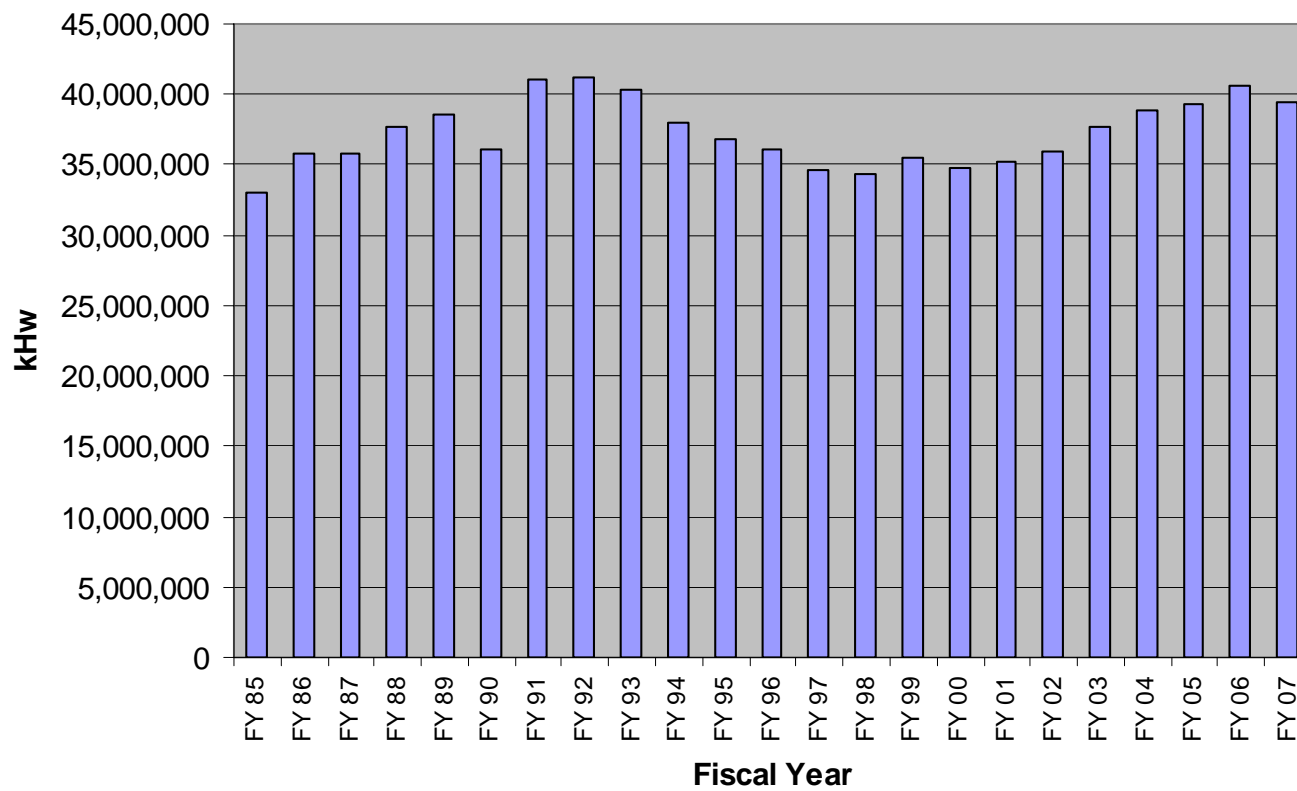
- October 17, 2007 is “USDA Unplugged Day.”
- October 19-21, 2007 is “USDA Unplugged Weekend”
- These “unplugged” dates are for the Whitten, South, and Yates Buildings.
- October 31, 2007 is “USDA Unplugged Day” for the George Washington Carver Center.



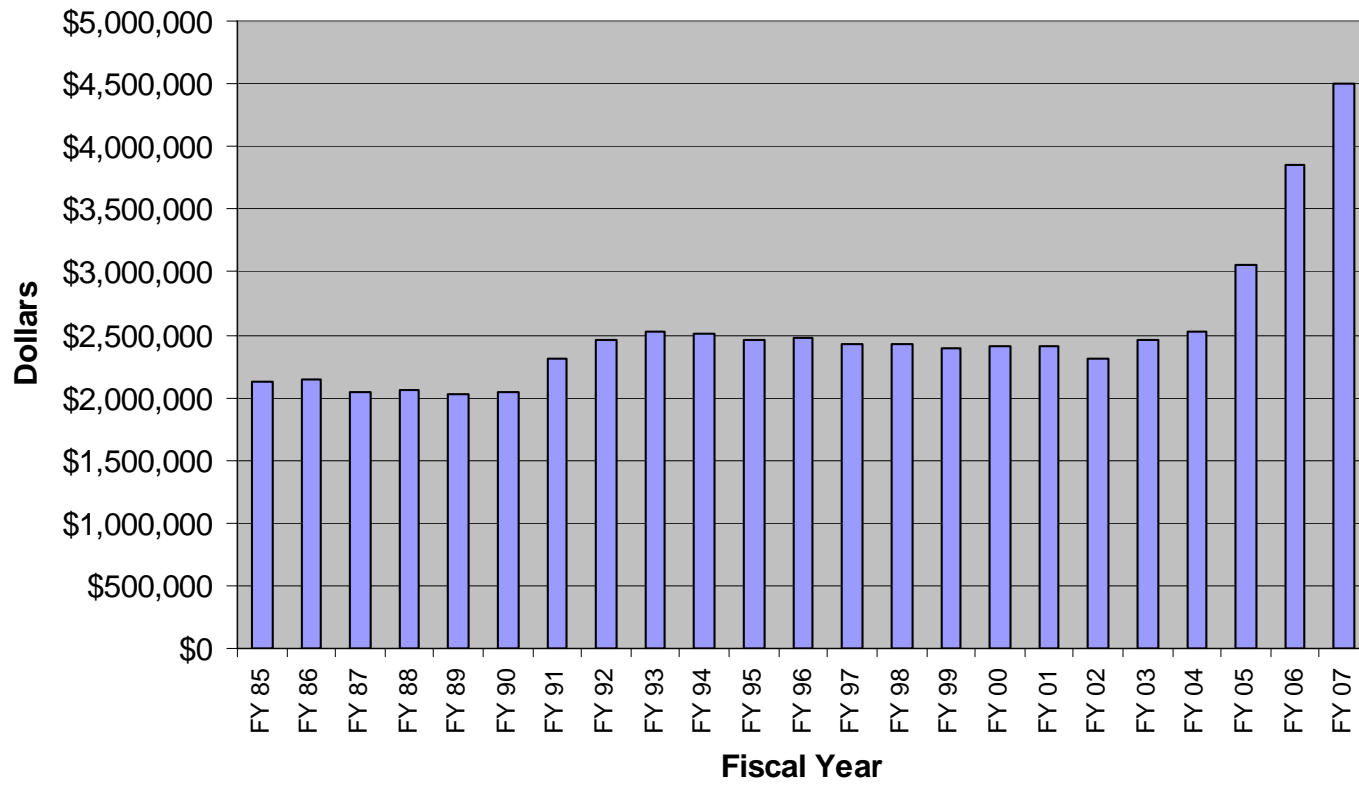
- Employees in the HQ buildings are asked to turn off plug-in devices not necessary for use and shut off all non-critical items at the end of their workday.
- Items to unplug include computers, microwaves, cell phone chargers, etc.



### Headquarters Electric Use



### Headquarters Electric Cost



- By “unplugging,” all employees can make a difference in our energy consumption.
- As energy cost go down, we can use our resources to beautify our work environment and make USDA facilities even better.

